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FREE TAKE ONE

'BASINGSTOKE IS BETTER FOR BUSINESS'

BASINGSTOKE and Deane Borough Council's ambitions to attract more high-profile businesses to Basing View have been handed a massive boost following the decision to grant the business park Enterprise Zone status.

The move means that businesses that move to the area by March 2022 will not have to pay any business rates for five years – making Basingstoke a much more appealing destination for major retailers and investors.

Basing View is one of three key centres, along with Longcross Park in Chertsey and Whitehill and Bordon, to be included as part of the Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), which is set to make combined savings of £178million over 25 years.

The funding will be used to further invest in the area's infrastructure, with the Enterprise Zone also paving the way for 60 potential businesses and 4,130 new jobs at Basing View Business Park. And with the long awaited John

nation for new business following the recent opening of the Network Rail and South West Trains training campus and the John Lewis at Home and Waitrose combined store.

"But the Enterprise Zone and the benefits it will bring now send a strong message to companies that Basingstoke and Deane is better for business."

The Enterprise M3 LEP was one of 26 new Enterprise Zones to be created by chancellor George Osborne as part of his Autumn Statement announcement last Wednesday.

Basing View businesses are due to save around £275,000 each in retained business rates by becoming part of the partnership, while growth will also be achieved by marketing the Enterprise Zone's work with 5G, digital media and cyber security.

Enterprise M3 LEP chair Geoff French said: "This is absolutely fantastic news."

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By Christian Wilson

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Lewis at Home and Waitrose finally opening its doors last month and the borough council continuing work on its £200m regeneration of the 13-hectare site, council leader Clive Sanders feels that "a strong message" has been sent to other businesses.

"This is fantastic news for Basing View, Basingstoke and Enterprise M3," said Cllr Sanders.

"It is evidence of great partnership working to boost the economic viability both locally and along the M3 corridor.

"The new Enterprise Zone will provide even more incentives for new businesses to come to Basing View and will make the council's investment in the regeneration of the town centre business quarter go even further."

He added: "Basing View is already proving a popular desti-



• Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council leader Clive Sanders has labelled the new enterprise zone as "fantastic news".

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Decision due on Bramley housing

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A FINAL decision on whether to approve controversial plans to build up to 50 homes in Bramley was made by the borough council last night after the Observer went to press.

The authority has received 136 separate letters of objection to the proposals for land north of Sherfield Road – while residents have also submitted a petition against the move that has been signed by 202 people.

Council officers had recommended that the application by developers Gleeson Strategic Land be approved ahead of last night's development control committee meeting.

But with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council last year approving plans to build 425 homes at Razors Farm, off Cufaude Lane, and 200 new houses in Minchens Lane, Bramley Parish Council claimed the development would represent "further deterioration of the quality of life for residents".

A statement said: "This application would clearly exacerbate the existing strain on resources and all types of infrastructure which Bramley is currently experiencing.

"Development of the site offers no tangible benefits to the local community and would represent a further deterioration of the quality of life for existing residents."

"The Bramley community calls upon the borough council to support us by not approving further inappropriate and unsustainable developments such as proposed in this application."

Plans would see a mixture of two, three and four-bedroom houses constructed as part of the £5million development, with the site set to follow Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's average rate of 40 per cent affordable housing.

But with the emerging draft local plan setting out the need to build 850 homes annually for the next 14 years, Bramley and Sherfield councillor Nicholas Robinson admitted that the houses "had to go somewhere".

"It's nobody's fault, it's just an unfortunate situation that is undoubtedly very unpopular locally," said Cllr Robinson.

"Bramley seems to be having to bail the rest of the district out, but unfortunately the land has got to be found and these houses have to go somewhere."

A spokesperson for Gleeson Strategic Land said: "The new accommodation will be of a high quality design, which complements and reflects the existing character of Bramley.

"The evidence gathering for the local plan identifies a high level of housing need locally in Bramley.

"This has led the council to identify a need to provide 200 houses in the village in the draft local plan, and we have

been promoting the land north of Sherfield Road as the most suitable to accommodate this housing."

• (below) Bramley and Sherfield councillor Nicholas Robinson has insisted that "houses have got to go somewhere", and (bottom left) an artist's impression of the development near Sherfield Road (picture by richardsurbandesign)



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Broken jaw

BASINGSTOKE: A 17-year-old boy suffered a broken jaw after being attacked in Basingstoke last week.

Three unknown male suspects assaulted the teenager at around 9.30pm last Tuesday as he walked between Halliday Close and the underpass that leads to Cranbourne Business and Enterprise College.

The victim sustained a double fracture of his jaw as a result of the attack, with his injuries being sufficient enough to require surgery.

It is thought that there were people in the nearby college building at the time of the incident who may have information, with police urging residents to contact Basingstoke CID on 101, quoting 44150409194.

Crime plan

HAMPSHIRE: Police and crime commissioner (PCC) for Hampshire, Simon Hayes, launched his updated police and crime plan on Monday.

The strategy identifies the achievements relating to the commissioner's four key priorities of improving frontline policing, supporting victims and witnesses and reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and re-offending since 2013.

Mr Hayes said: "The update to the police and crime plan presents a timely opportunity to showcase all that has been achieved since I have been in office and reiterates my vision to protect people and places."

To view the plans in detail, visit hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/protecting-people-and-places/my-police-and-crime-plan.aspx.

Enterprise status granted

From front page

Mr French added: "The Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership has pulled out all the stops to ensure that this bid was successful and we were up against some stiff competition.

"This is a huge economic boost to the area – there will be more jobs, more businesses setting up and it will make the area far more attractive to investors.

"This is a really great time for the area and the digital economy and I look forward to seeing

numerous success stories which will follow this significant announcement."

Basingstoke MP Maria Miller added: "This government recognises the importance of Basingstoke as a business centre and I welcome the chancellor's announcement as part of his Autumn Statement that Basing View has been designated as an Enterprise Zone.

"This will mean more government funding for our town to redevelop Basing View."

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Police launch festive drink-drive campaign

RESIDENTS from across the county thinking of drinking and driving this month have been given a blunt insight into the consequences of their actions through a hard-hitting police drive.

Hampshire Constabulary and Thames Valley Police launched a joint month-long Christmas drink-drive reduction campaign on Tuesday in a bid to deter people from getting behind the wheel while under the influence over the festive period.

The force's 'Where will you end up tonight?' scheme is fronted by a promotional video emphasising the possibility of fatally injuring people on the roads or ending up in the morgue yourself after having a drink.

And with 10 people dying in

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Hampshire and Thames Valley in the last year and a further 108 being seriously injured as a result of the crime, Hampshire Constabulary's Road Safety Sergeant Rob Heard has pleaded with residents not to make the same mistake.

"Hampshire Constabulary and Thames Valley Police remain dedicated to patrolling our roads to reduce the number of people who are killed or injured as a result of drink and drug driving," said Sgt Heard.

"To anyone driving this December, please stop and consider the consequences of a loved one being told the devastating news that your reckless actions have caused the trauma and tragedy of a fatal collision."

He continued: "The campaign asks 'Where will you end up tonight?', illustrating that you could end up in a mortuary having died in a road crash caused by drink-driving.

"That could be in various circumstances; you could be a drink-driver who caused a col-

lision, or you could be a passenger in the car of the impaired driver."

The Joint Roads Policing Unit (RPU) will conduct random drink, speed and seatbelt checks across Hampshire throughout the days and nights during December as part of the campaign.

Officers breathalysed around 7,000 residents during the checks last December, with 150 people from the county being arrested after their results showed they were under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Sgt Heard added: "Too many people are still taking the risk to drive whilst impaired.

"Nearly 7,000 people were breathalysed by police across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight last December.

"They could have caused a crash that killed or left someone injured with a lasting life-changing impact for themselves, family and friends.

"Do not be tempted to get a lift from someone who will be over the limit as you are putting yourself in danger too."

• Hampshire Road Safety Sergeant Rob Heard



Attacker sought after woman targeted in Oakridge assault

POLICE have launched an investigation after a woman was assaulted close to a Basingstoke subway last week.

The 46-year-old victim was walking along a path near Freemantle Close in Oakridge towards Basing View at around 6.35am on Tuesday morning when the incident took place.

An unknown man then stepped out from behind some bushes and

grabbed her forearm.

He started to drag her towards a nearby subway, before the woman managed to wriggle free and run away.

The suspect is described as white, approximately 6ft tall, and aged between 25 and 30-years-old.

He also had short, dark hair, an Eastern European accent, and had a marking on the right side of his face, near to his mouth.

DC Dawn Jenks of Basingstoke police station said: "We would like to hear from anyone who may have seen this man at the time, or who knows who he is."

"This is a well-used footpath and we would urge residents who use it to be vigilant and report anyone who is acting suspiciously."

Anyone with information can contact DC Jenks on 101, quoting reference number 44150407860.

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Shoebox appeal

BASINGSTOKE: A Basingstoke-based workplace provider has been doing their bit to ensure that disadvantaged children from across the world receive a gift this Christmas.

Individuals and groups have been dropping off present-filled shoeboxes at the Regus centre in Chineham Business Park over the last few weeks as part of charity appeal Operation Christmas Child.

Regus CEO Richard Morris said: "We'd like to thank all the local businesses, schools, groups and individuals who got involved in the appeal and brought in their shoeboxes."

Charity donation

SUTTON SCOTNEY: Children's hospice Naomi House and Jacksplace has been handed a cash boost of nearly £6,000.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and Isle of Wight presented the Sutton Scotney-based centres - which care for life-limited youngsters - with the funds last week.

Naomi House received a cheque for £3,432 while their counterparts at Jacksplace were presented with £2,419, with trust fundraiser Becky Ewing describing it as "hugely appreciated".

RAFA anniversary

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: The borough's mayor Cllr Anne Court will attend the RAFA Basingstoke 70th anniversary dinner tomorrow.

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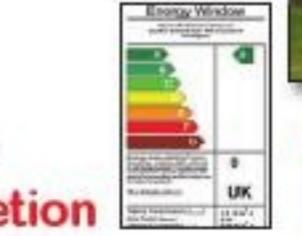
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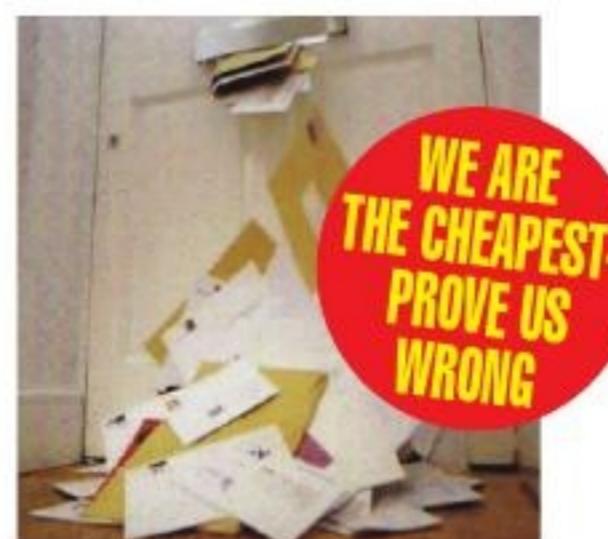
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Man seriously injured in 'unprovoked' taxi attack

A 20-YEAR-OLD man was dragged from a taxi and assaulted during an attack in Basingstoke last Thursday.

The victim suffered serious but not life-threatening injuries during the incident outside the Premier Inn on Victoria Street at around 3.30am.

Three men are understood to have played a part in the attack, before fleeing the scene following the assault in the direction of New Street.

The suspects are all described as black with a slim or skinny build, with two wearing dark clothing with their hoods up and one wearing lighter coloured trousers.

Police are also trying to trace a silver Nissan Juke in connection with the three men as part of their investigations.

Detective Tracey West said: "Although this is a violent, unprovoked attack, it remains an isolated incident."

"We are looking to identify these men and the car we think they were driving prior to the incident."

"Did you or have you seen a vehicle like this driving around Basingstoke recently?"

"Do you live near New Road and did you see or hear anything?"

"We want to hear from you."

Anyone with information should contact police on 101, quoting 44150410520.

Scientist Stephen helps 'beat Ebola'

A MICROBIOLOGIST from Basingstoke hospital who spent five weeks fighting Ebola in Sierra Leone earlier this year has returned to the UK following his second trip to the country.

The West African nation was officially declared free of the deadly virus at the start of this month following the assistance of over 3,000 medical professionals from the UK.

One of the people to brave the threat of infection was Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital's Stephen Kidd – with the clinical scientist returning from Kenema on Thursday, November 26.

The 36-year-old spent 25 days in the major city - having previously spent five weeks in Makieni in January - with Stephen revealing his pride at having "beaten Ebola".

He said: "I've always wanted to go out and do something like this, and was never worried about catching it because there are some very professional people there tasked with keeping you safe."

"The people were very friendly and happy for British workers to be there, despite not having much themselves."

"It made me appreciate what

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I have completely, and it was good to see people starting to get back on with their lives on my second trip.

"Children were dying of Ebola the first time I went, so I felt very proud that we had beaten Ebola the second time around."

Sierra Leone is one of three countries that were majorly affected alongside Liberia and Guinea – with 8,704 confirmed cases and 3,955 total deaths from the virus.

Ebola is a serious illness that can be passed on by coming into contact with an infected person's blood, body fluids or organs, and can cause decreased function of the liver and kidneys and both internal and external bleeding.

The government rewarded both military and civilian personnel who tackled the deadly disease in the three countries with an Ebola Medal, with Stephen, of Salisbury, being among those honoured with the accolade in October.

He added: "The problem isn't over, despite Sierra Leone being declared Ebola-free, as people are still dying from Malaria."

"It won't be a quick fix to solve, but there has definitely been a noticeable difference in the attitude of people there now."

"We had heard that the government might be handing out medals, but it was still very unexpected, and I am very chuffed."

Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (HHFT) chief executive Mary Edwards said:

"We are very proud of Stephen and the other members of our staff who have gone out to Africa to help tackle the Ebola crisis."

"Stephen has brought back with him a lot of experience of working in less developed countries that will help him develop his skills back in the UK."



• Stephen Kidd, and (inset) the Ebola Medal

Praise for first dementia roundtable

CHARITY Alzheimer's Society teamed up with Basingstoke MP Maria Miller for the first ever roundtable event about dementia last Friday.

More than 20 people attended the meet at the Apollo Hotel in Basingstoke to speak about their experiences with the disorder.

A range of healthcare professionals spoke at the two-hour event, including Alzheimer's Society services manager for North Hampshire Kelly Inwood.

She said: "There was a fantastic turn out for the Dementia Roundtable and everyone who attended seemed to be engaged with the speakers."

"Dementia is one of the biggest health and care challenges our country faces."

"Too many people are not getting the support they deserve and are entitled to and too many families are struggling to get by."

"We need something at the end of this about the fact this needs to change."

An open discussion addressing the signposting of local services and post-diagnosis support also took place as part of the event, with Mrs Miller labelling the meet "incredibly valuable".

She added: "Dementia is one of our biggest health and care challenges."

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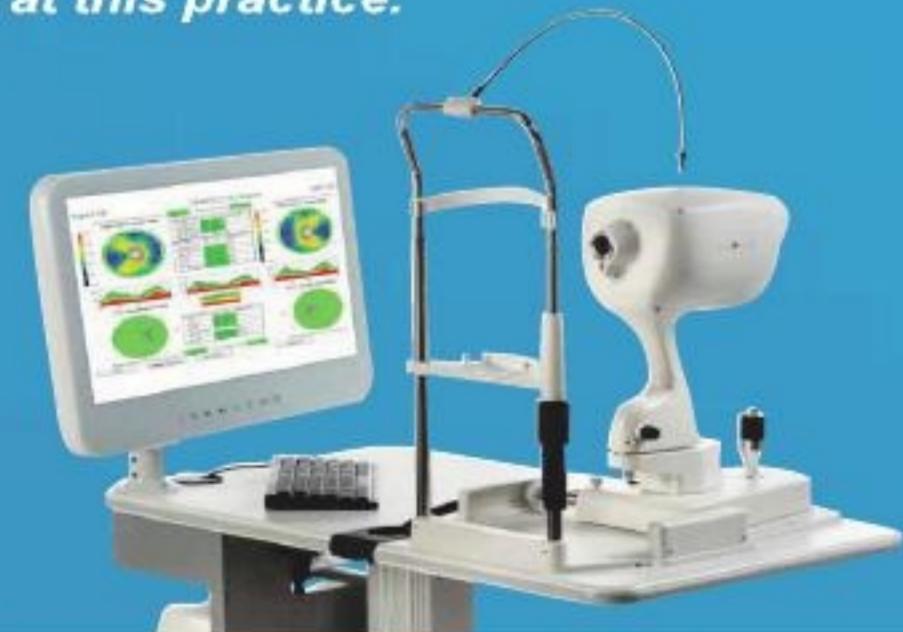
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Residents have say on library plans

THOUSANDS of Hampshire residents have had their say on the future of the county's library service.

The county council has received more than 5,700 online and paper responses in the first three weeks of its 11-week public consultation on the subject.

A total of £1.7million is due to be saved by the authority by restructuring the service across Hampshire – with mobile library services set to be shut down.

Other changes could see the number of tier three libraries reduced across the county if the draft strategy is given the green light – putting the future of both Overton Library and Whitchurch Hampshire Library in danger as a result.

Council member for culture, recreation and countryside, Cllr Andrew Gibson, said: "We're very pleased that the consultation on our draft library strategy has sparked such strong interest."

"We are looking to make libraries more sustainable to meet residents' demands in future, reduce costs to the taxpayer and generate more income by introducing cafes where appropriate, or by sharing buildings and their costs with other partner organisations."

Residents have until January 16 next year to have their say - go to hants.gov.uk/library.

Application lodged for 100 new houses

A BOROUGH councillor has admitted that a proposal to build up to 100 new homes in Whitchurch would "keep the balance" of the town.

By Christian Wilson

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Plans for the development on land between Winchester Road and Micheldever Road have been submitted to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council following lengthy discussions with residents.

A total of 37 one and two-bedroom, 34 three-bedroom, 20 four-bedroom and seven five-bedroom houses are included in the application – with 40 per cent being classed as affordable housing.

But if the mad developments near the railway fall flat on their face, then we could discuss increasing the number as part of this project."

If approved, the one residential property on the 12-hectare site will be demolished as part of the application, while 15 of the new properties will be bungalows designed to fulfil Lifetime Mobility Standards.

Open space is also due to be converted into sports pitches and other recreational space as part of the plans, with 76 car parking spaces included in the proposals.

The application reads: "Whilst this application is for a much smaller development, much of the advice provided by officers is still relevant.

"In accordance with good

practice and DWH's commitment to community engagement, there has been a widespread consultation on the proposals with local politicians, key stakeholders and the wider Whitchurch community.

"Overall, DWH's involvement in the neighbourhood plan process and the subsequent public consultation on the plans has enabled the plans to evolve positively and respond to the points raised during the consultation process."

Borough councillor for Whitchurch Eric Dunlop



News Bites

Local plan

HART: Hart District Council has launched a new consultation inviting residents to have their say on the number of homes built in the borough.

Residents are being asked to give their view on what approach the council should take in delivering new homes in the area up to 2032.

Council leader Cllr Stephen Parker said: "I urge local residents and community groups to take part in this local plan consultation."

The consultation opened last Friday, and will run until Friday, January 15 next year.

The council will then be able to move forward to a draft local plan consultation, scheduled to be held next summer.

To view all of the consultation documents, visit the council's website: hart.gov.uk/consultations.

Charity chosen

BASINGSTOKE: The Ark Cancer Centre Charity has been chosen as Hampshire salon franchise Truly Scrumptious Beauty's charity of the year for 2015.

The chain, which has salons in Basingstoke, Andover, Overton, Farnborough and Fleet, will be running a number of campaigns throughout this month to help raise money for the Basingstoke-based charity.

Owner Claire Killick said: "Ark Cancer Centre Charity is a great cause for us to be involved with both for raising money and also awareness and is something that will benefit people in the communities that we work in."

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News Bites**School on track**

POPLEY: Education watchdog Ofsted has concluded a Basingstoke junior school previously graded as "requires improvement" in May has addressed the problems identified.

Inspectors revisited Merton Junior School in Popley on October 20 after three teachers left the school and five new teachers joined the faculty, with the changes being praised in a letter published on Monday, November 16.

Guns seized

BUCKSKIN: Armed police were called to an address in Buckskin on Sunday, November 22 following reports of people carrying weapons.

Two BB guns were seized by officers at around 2.30pm from Berwyn Close, with a 14-year-old boy being arrested and later released without charge.

Lottery results

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: St Michael's Hospice has announced the winners of its latest lottery draw from Friday, November 27.

First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 86229 of Little London, while ticket 11955 of Basingstoke claims second prize of £100.

Third prize of £50 goes to Sherborne St. John ticket 49246, and Basingstoke ticket 76053 gets fourth prize of £20.

Prizes of £5 go to 03111, 03158, 13328, 27300, 30515, 36234, 38584, 47890, 56208, 57524, 59266, 60264, 64491, 73947, 80861 and 88904.

Police chief pleased with U-turn on cuts

HAMPSHIRE Constabulary will not now be hit with further cuts following a dramatic U-turn from chancellor George Osborne.

The county's police force had feared £10million of fresh cuts to the service over the next year ahead of last week's comprehensive spending review announcement.

But with Osborne stating in parliament that "now is the time to back our police and give them the tools to do the job", overall police spending will now be protected in line with inflation.

And following campaigns from Hampshire's force to halt cuts to the service that has seen a five per cent drop in the amount of officers since 2014, Chief Constable Andy Marsh has urged the service to "take this opportunity".

He said: "The public are the real winners in this decision."

"Crime is changing and so is policing."

"The cuts of recent years have been hard and there remain difficult times ahead, but we must now take this opportunity."

Ch Con Marsh continued: "To meet the needs of the victims of tomorrow and to build morale among police officers and staff means we must keep innovating.

By Christian Wilson

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"This will create a sustainable future where we can deliver an even better service for a public whose expectations will have gone up as a result of this decision."

Last Wednesday's announcement means that the overall police budget will be increased by £900m by 2019/20, following a total of £80m cuts to Hampshire alone since 2010.

A total of 647 officers have lost their jobs in this time as a result, prompting the creation of Hampshire Police Federation's Cuts Have Consequences campaign, with chairman John Apter confessing to being "gobsmacked" by the chancellor's change of heart.

He added: "We've been lobbying hard, and, fingers crossed, it looks like the government has been listening to us."

"This doesn't mean that tomorrow there's going to be hundreds of bobbies on the beat and everything will be rosy, but we're coming to the end of some very damaging cuts."

"I strongly believe that if we'd been hit with more, it would have

been unsustainable, and this has given us some breathing space and some hope, so we're really pleased."

Police and crime commissioner Simon Hayes added: "I'm pleased that the danger to public

safety of more cuts has now been recognised."

He continued: "We will continue to provide this essential and efficient service which has been shown as good value for money to residents."



• Hampshire Chief Constable Andy Marsh feels that the chancellor's decision will "create a sustainable future" for the police force

Funding given for Popley improvements

THE borough council has approved over half a million pounds of funding for two Popley community facilities.

An increase in population to the area has prompted plans to build extensions at both Melrose Community Centre and St Gabriel's Church.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's cabinet approved the grant of £343,800 on Tuesday to double the size of the Melrose centre in Abbey Road, as well as building a new kitchen and shower room and making improvements to lighting, internet and heating.

A total of £275,000 will also be spent on St Gabriel's in Tewkesbury Close to include a large meeting room, a large kitchen and new toilets – with community groups such as the Scouts set to benefit as a result.

The development is in the second stage of a three-phase project in changes funded by the council's Local Infrastructure Fund, due to be completed by the end of next year.

Cabinet member for communities, service delivery and improvement, Cllr Robert Tate, said: "I am pleased to support these two programmes in Popley, which will provide much better facilities for local groups."

"Extending the premises at Melrose Community Centre and St Gabriel's will make a real difference to the lives of local people."



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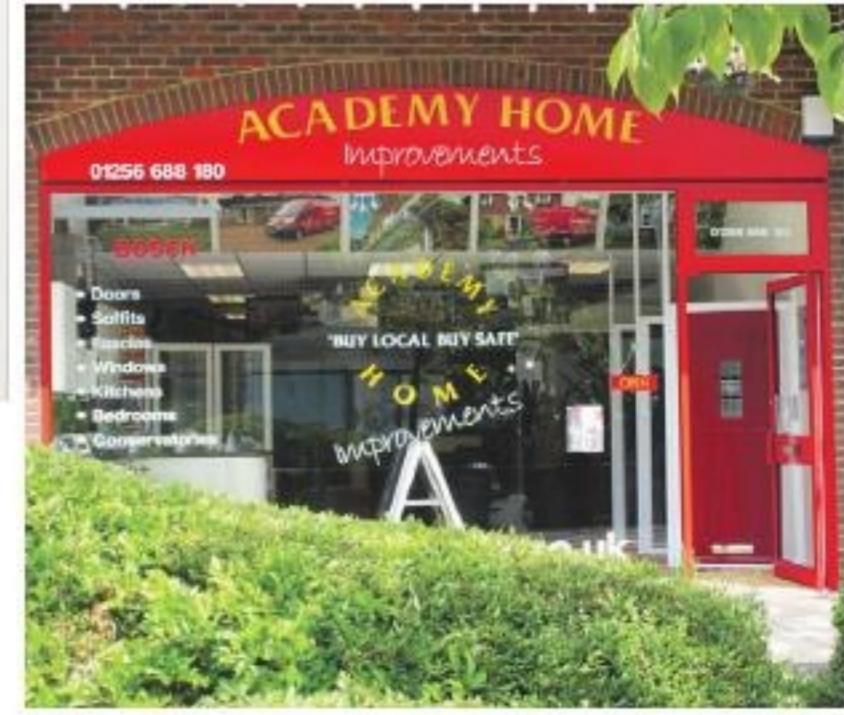
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News Bites**RSPCA warning**

BASINGSTOKE: The RSPCA has urged residents to be careful when throwing things away after a hedgehog found injured in Basingstoke died from wounds caused by an elastic band.

A mother and daughter called the wildlife charity after discovering the nocturnal animal behaving strangely and stumbling around the streets in daylight on Wednesday, November 18.

The hedgehog was taken to Hart Wildlife Hospital near Alton, but was put down two days later due to an infection caused by the band.

Vets believe it had been entangled on the hedgehog for a number of months.

RSPCA inspector Nikki Denham said: "This poor hedgehog was clearly uncomfortable."

"His wounds from the elastic band being wrapped around him so tight had left him not only raw and very sore but struggling with a nasty infection that had really taken hold of him."

Silver standard

HARTLEY WINTNEY: A junior school has been handed an eco-award for its sustainability work.

Greenfields Junior School in Hartley Wintney was presented with the Eco-School's Silver Award for its programme of improving recycling by not throwing away old pens and unused bins.

The Green Lane school was handed the honour by Hart District Council's biodiversity officer Dr Paul Howe on Thursday, November 12.

House haven set up for domestic abuse victims

VICTIMS of domestic abuse from Basingstoke are set to benefit from a new safe house in the town.

By Christian Wilson

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support to some of our most vulnerable customers."

Statistics have revealed that 25 per cent of women and 16 per cent of men are affected respectively in their lifetimes, while there have been over 10,000 domestic incidents in Hampshire this year.

A total of £905,000 provided by the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) and the area's relevant district councils will help fund the Hampshire Making Safe Scheme project.

Project coordinator Kirsty Jenkins said: "It's fantastic that we've been able to work with a range of partners to get the ball rolling on a complex project of this scale."

"We're working with local authorities in East Hants, Basingstoke, Hart, Havant and Rushmoor to provide a two-bedroom safe home in each area for those who suffer from domestic abuse.

"We believe that making people safe in our communities is really important, and we're proud to be giving additional

Officers fitted with body worn video

COMMUNITY safety patrol officers from across Basingstoke and Deane are to be given a

anti-social behaviour.

Officers will now be able to catch offences on camera after helping hand in dealing with

video (BWV) surveillance equipment.

The move comes following a successful four-week trial carried out across the borough in September.

Both Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's community safety patrol officers and parking attendants will now carry the visible waterproof cameras, which can be utilised as evidence in legal proceedings and help deter aggression from members of the public.

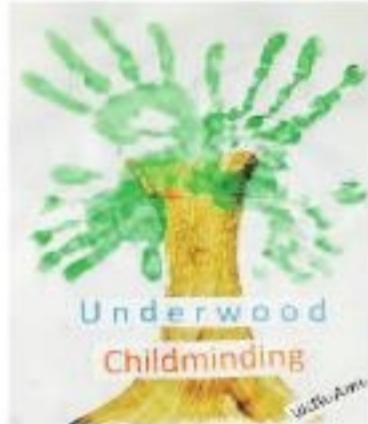
Cabinet member for communities, service delivery and improvement, Cllr Robert Tate, said: "Body-worn video cameras will help to improve safety for our patrol teams and surveillance on the streets of Basingstoke and Deane."

"Following the trial the team said it was helpful when dealing with incidents with some people who looked like they were about to confront them changed their mind once they saw the camera and walked away and where people were abusive or threatening, they were able to gain evidence if they needed to take further action."



• PC Olivia Peachey wearing the body worn camera

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THE Top of Town will be turned into a winter wonderland from Midday tomorrow as Basingstoke gets in the festive mood.

People of all ages are being invited to the historic heart of the town centre to take part in a whole range of free Christmas-themed activities.

Traditional festive tunes, street theatre entertainment including street buskers, gift stalls and yuletide food treats will be on offer until 8pm, with three hours' free parking also available to visitors.

Children can visit a live animal farm nativity and follow an Elf Trail to Santa's grotto, while Mother Christmas will hand out crackers.

Youngsters will also be able to take part in a family-friendly unwrapping of the nativity story at the United Reformed Church.

And the festivities will be completed in spectacular fashion as Market Place is then lit up with twinkling lights, before the switch-on of the Top of Town Christmas tree just before 8pm.

Town Centre Programme leader Cllr Terri Reid said: "This year's Christmas at the Top of Town event offers great festive fun for all – and there's free parking for visitors too.

"The programme has something for everybody to enjoy and the evening finale promises to be very memorable."

Apprenticeship rates soar in Basingstoke

BASINGSTOKE MP Maria Miller has welcomed new figures showing 1,020 new apprenticeships have been started in the town in the last year.

The stats revealed Basingstoke to be one of the top areas in south east England at helping youngsters on to the career ladder – following a rise of over seven per cent in 2014/15.

In total 4,890 new apprenticeships have been started at businesses across the town since 2010, according to the figures released by the Skills Funding Agency.

And with Basingstoke's improvement nearly mirroring the region's eight per cent rise in job opportunities for youngsters in the last year, Mrs Miller has labelled the findings as "fantastic news".

She said: "Apprenticeships have been at the heart of our plan to deliver a more secure future for young people, and as Conservatives we are committed to go even further over the next five years.

"These figures are fantastic news, and 4,890 new apprenticeships since 2010 means more young people in Basingstoke getting the skills to succeed and get on in life.

By Christian Wilson

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"We are giving young people proper training and the prospect of a better future."

A total of 2.4million apprenticeships have been started across the country over the last five years, with the government now promising to deliver three million more over the next five years.

This rise is to be funded by a new apprenticeship levy of 0.5 per cent on company payrolls, with chancellor George Osborne announcing the change as part of plans to raise £3billion a year in his Autumn statement last Wednesday.

Mrs Miller added: "We have made a commitment in our manifesto to deliver three million more high quality apprenticeships by 2020.

"Millions of young people are getting a good start in life, learning a trade, and knowing the purpose and pride that comes with that."

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Basingstoke MP Maria Miller has labeled the rise in new apprenticeships across the town as "fantastic news"

New appeal after more graffiti found

POLICE have made a renewed appeal to residents after a fifth offensive message was found on a Basingstoke building.

Unpleasant graffiti written in black spray paint was found sprayed on a wall at Fairfields Primary School in Council Road.

The incident took place at some point overnight last Monday and followed four similar offences at three other locations days earlier.

Two of the offences took place at the Territorial Army building in Penrith Road on Friday, November 20 and Saturday, November 21.

And further criminal damage was also found by residents at electrical retailer Maplin's store in Winchester Road and on a wall at All Saints Church in Southern Road late on Friday and Saturday respectively.

Sergeant Trevor Taylor from Basingstoke police station said: "Incidents like these can be damaging to local communities and will not be tolerated.

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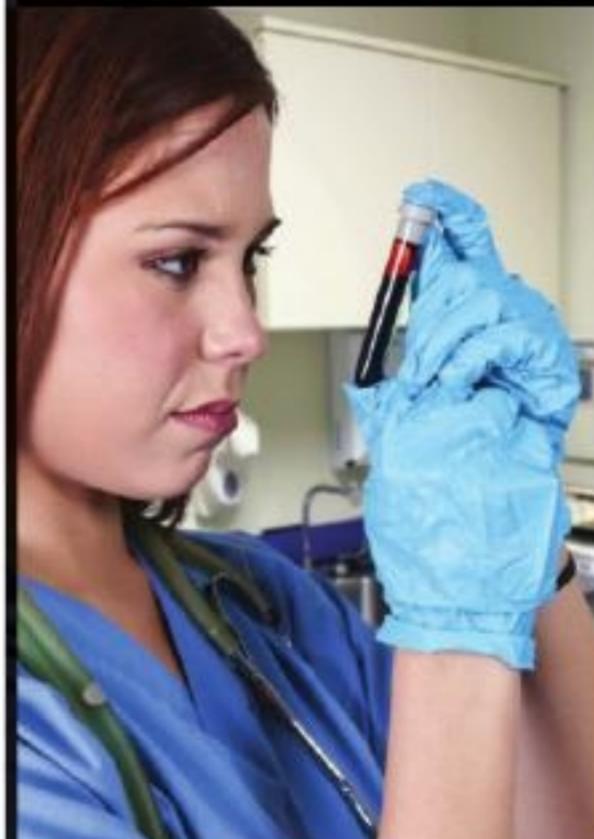
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4 Knob (4)	2 Beaches (6)
8 Be plentiful (6)	3 Cloak (6)
10 Nape of the neck (6)	5 Digits (6)
11 Molars (5)	6 Disagreed (8)
12 Traded (5)	7 Dark yellow (5)
14 Suitable for agriculture (6)	9 Discouraging (9)
17 Never at rest (9)	10 Strong supporters (9)
18 Carrying too much (9)	13 Living (5)
22 Hard (6)	15 Kind of poplar (5)
23 Marked in a mysterious way (5)	16 Comprises (8)
24 Items (5)	18 Carry to excess (6)
26 Handwriting (6)	19 Explode (5)
27 Resinous (6)	20 Clearing cloth (6)
28 Stain (4)	21 Relatives (6)
29 Charges with a duty (8)	25 Shades (4)

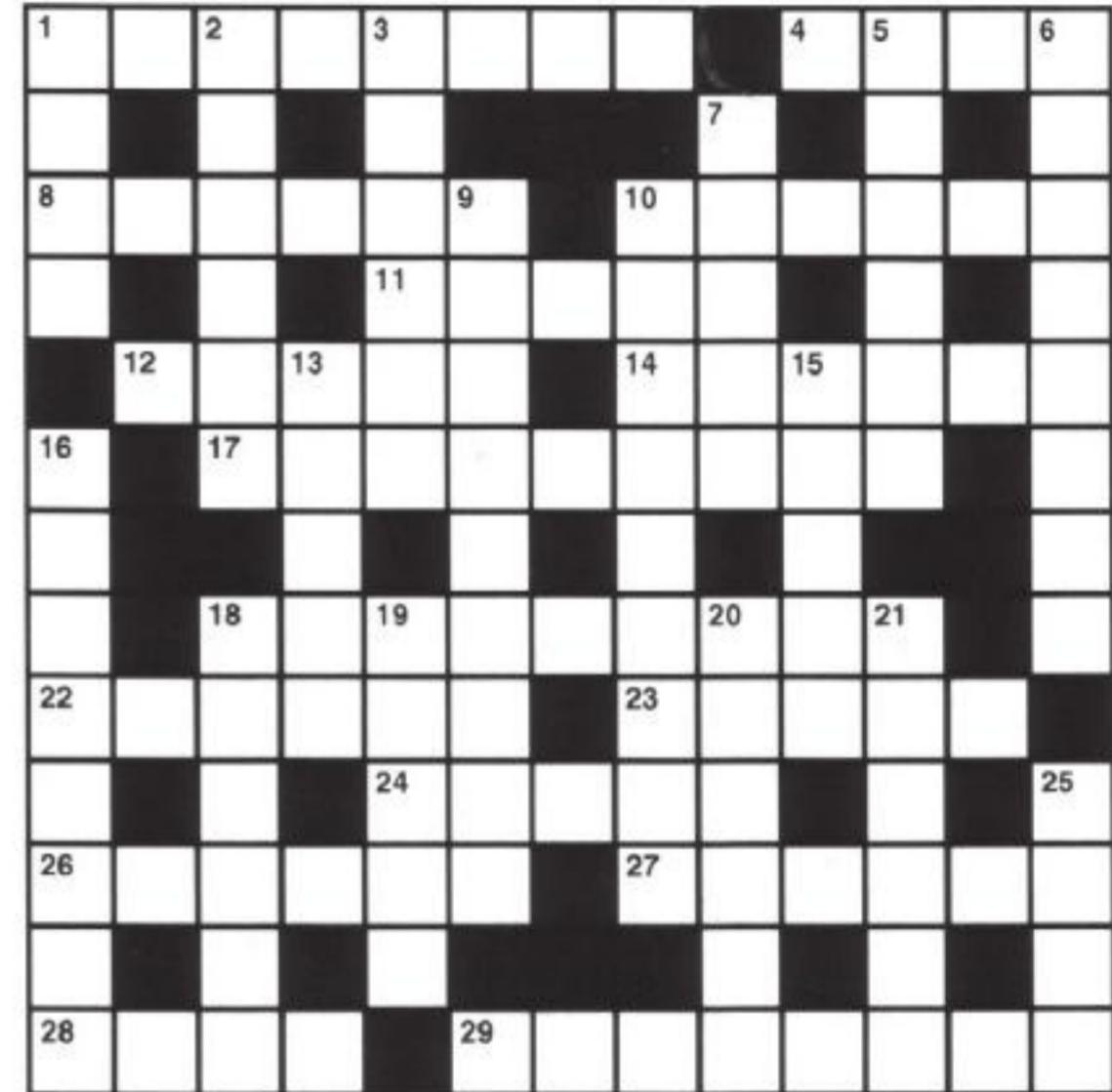
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

- 1 Dashed to make the connection (8)
- 4 The girl takes a follower to the festival (4)
- 8 Help needed for Long Island caught in a sandy ridge (6)
- 10 Drops the matches (6)
- 11 Speak out, instead of keeping nothing inside (5)
- 12 Make a bid - there's a little official hesitation (5)
- 14 Slightly distorted viewpoints for simply heavenly people (6)
- 17 With which to handle confidential information? (9)
- 18 Groups around a hundred and fifty are very small objects (9)
- 22 Everything in the wager makes for a pantomime (6)
- 23 Polish your brow, or back to the breaking of a law (5)
- 24 Be depressed under the surface (5)
- 26 Danger can be found outside the house (6)
- 27 We rake out the less healthy (6)
- 28 Film I left is disposed of (4)
- 29 Fed up, and doomed to hold a small number (8)

Cryptic Clues Down

- 1 Wounded right in the cabin (4)
- 2 Upset the bucket with a very loud noise - then dish the rice (6)
- 3 Number of the Spanish flat? (6)
- 5 Strips back a state of unwatchfulness (6)
- 6 Helped like my sister, Edwina? (8)
- 7 Exhausted on the southern slope (5)
- 9 Neglected, but obtained for ten surrounding (9)
- 10 The ragged fellow could exult after turning over acres (9)
- 13 Conduing the fishy part of the French upbringing? (5)
- 15 Bestows part of the swag I've sent (5)
- 16 Put a French sex symbol in boxes? An idea for vegetables (8)
- 18 One word for many (6)
- 19 Oppose the second-class ingredient in the dance (5)
- 20 Most depressed to see the direction of the sunset? (6)
- 21 The senior has a kind of smooth appearance (6)
- 25 Or went up in rising drunkenness, and subdued (4)



Sudoku

The objective is to fill a 9×9 grid with digits so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3×3 sub-grids that compose the grid (also called "boxes", "blocks", "regions", or "sub-squares") contains all of the digits from 1 to 9. The puzzle setter provides a partially completed grid, which for a well-posed puzzle has a unique solution.

EASY/MEDIUM/HARD

	1	9			3	6		
	8	5				4	2	
6		1	7					5
9	7	6		8	4			
	2						3	
	9	5			8	6	7	
3			4	1			2	
4	8			9	5			
	1	2			7	8	9	8

5	6		9		2		4	3
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6	7	5					1	3

This week's solutions

6	9	1	2	3	5	7	8	
1	4	8	2	7	6	9	5	1
4	5	7	8	4	1	9	2	6
3	5	9	5	2	8	6	7	
7	9	3	2	6	4	8	1	5
2	8	7	4	9	1	3	6	3
6	7	2	5	4	9	1	6	7
4	3	9	5	2	8	6	7	
8	1	2	7	3	6	5	9	4

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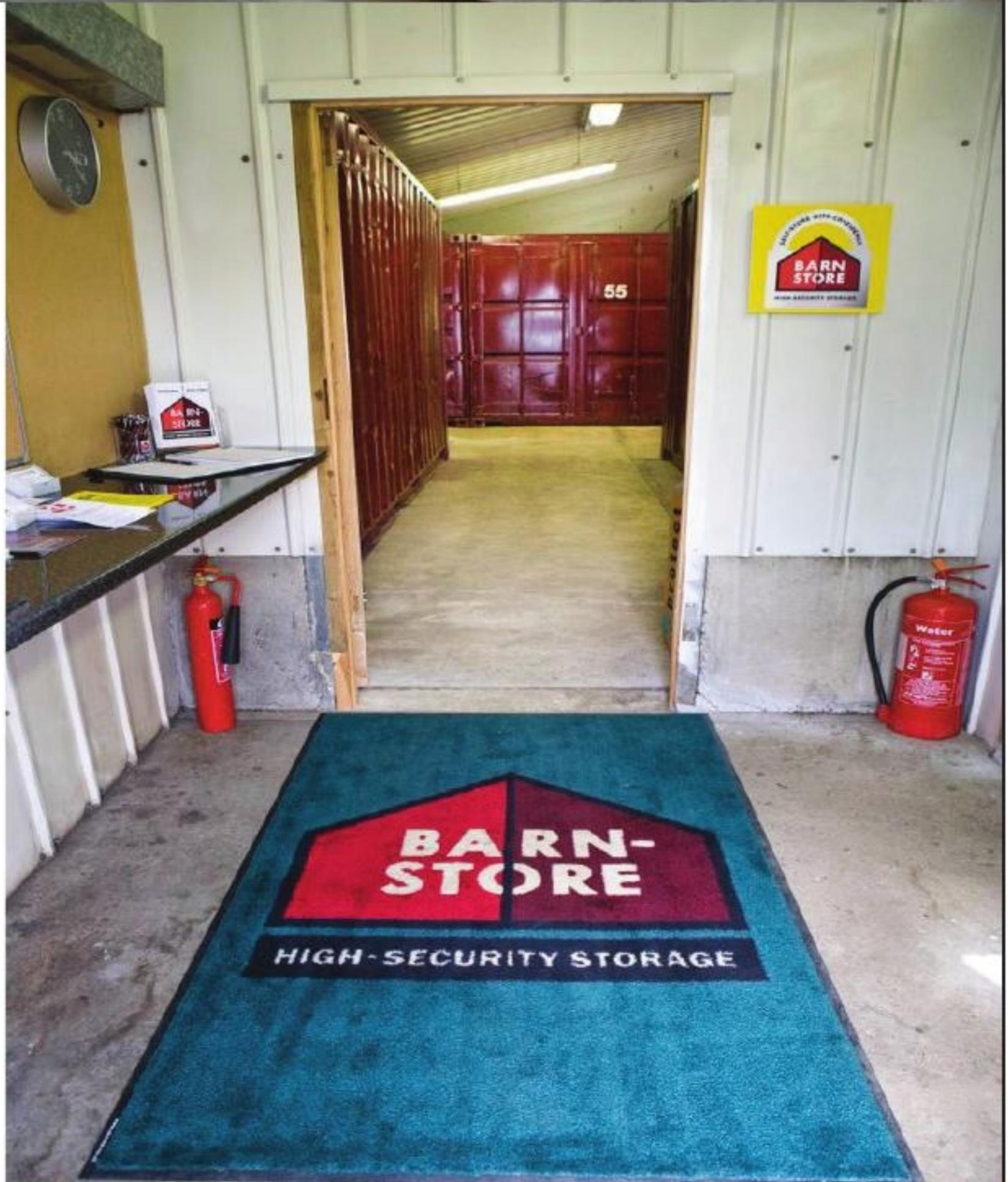
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Channel 4

TFI Friday, 8pm



Channel 5

NCIS: New Orleans, 9pm



DAYTIME

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6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.15 Fake Britain** (S) **10.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **11.00 Oxford Street Revealed** (S) **11.45 Rip Off Britain: Food** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S) **1.00 BBC News at One; Weather** (S) **1.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **1.45 Doctors** (S) **2.15 The Doctor Blake Mysteries** (S) **3.10 Escape to the Country** Two couples who are looking for homes in rural Dorset. (S)(R) **4.15 Flog It!** (S)(R) **5.15 Pointless Quiz** show, hosted by Alexander Armstrong. (S)(R) **6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather** (S) **6.30 BBC Regional News Programmes** (S)

7.00 The One Show Hosted by Alex Jones. (S) **7.30 Would I Lie to You?** With David O'Doherty, Richard Osman, Susan Calman and Carol Kirkwood; (S)(R) BBC News; Regional News (S)

8.00 EastEnders Sharon comes up with a solution to Phil's drinking problem. (S) **8.30 Citizen Khan** Amjad's mother threatens to take her son and Shazia back to Bradford. (S)

9.00 Have I Got News for You Hosted by Alexander Armstrong. (S) **9.30 Peter Kay's Car Share** John and Kayleigh get to know each other a little bit better. (S)(R)

10.00 BBC News at Ten (S) **10.25 BBC Regional News;** (S) National Lottery Update (S) **10.35 The Graham Norton Show** With Chris Hemsworth, Ron Howard, Lily Tomlin, Kevin Bridges, Shirley Bassey and Blake. (S)

11.20 Josh Teabag treats the flatmates to a weekend full of "lad banter". (S) **11.50 FILM Old School (2003)** (15) Comedy, with Luke Wilson, Will Ferrell and Vince Vaughn. (S)

AFTER 12 **1.20 Weather for the Week Ahead** (S) **1.25 BBC News** (S)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Ashley Roberts: The Hot Desk **6.10** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **6.35** Psych **7.20** Emmerdale **8.20** You've Been Framed! **8.50** Dinner Date **9.50** Psych **10.40** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **12.10** Emmerdale **1.15** You've Been Framed! **1.40** Dinner Date **2.40** The Jeremy Kyle Show **6.00** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **7.30** FILM: Back to the Future (1985) (PG) **9.45** The Hot Desk: Fleur East **10.00** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! **11.05** Keith Lemon's Back T'Future Tribute **12.35** Two and a Half Men **1.30** The Vampire Diaries **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Movies Now **6.10** George and Mildred **6.35** Heartbeat **7.40** Murder, She Wrote **8.35** Where the Heart Is **9.40** Judge Judy **11.00** A Touch of Frost **4.00** Heartbeat **2.10** Wild at Heart **3.10** Where the Heart Is **4.15** Doctor at Large **4.50** On the Buses **5.20** George and Mildred **5.55** Heartbeat **7.00** Murder, She Wrote

8.00 Doc Martin

9.00 Foyle's War **11.00** A Touch of Frost **1.00** FILM: Closing the Ring (2007) (12) **2.55** Judge Judy **3.15** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale

BBC3 SKY: 113 FV: 7

7.00 World's Craziest Fools **7.30** Don't Tell the Bride **8.30** Sherlock **10.00** EastEnders **10.30** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **11.15** Family Guy **12.00** American Dad! **12.20** Family Guy **12.45** Rent a Cop **1.15** Josh **1.45** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **2.30** World's Craziest Fools **3.00** World's Worst Place to Be a Woman? Stacey Dooley Investigates **3.55** Close

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 World News Today; Weather **7.30** The Good Old Days **8.15** Sounds of the 70s **8.25** Pop Go the Sixties **8.30** Sounds of the 70s **9.00** Forever Young - How Rock 'n' Roll Grew Up **10.00** I'm Not In Love: The Story of 10cc **11.00** The Old Grey Whistle Test: 70s Gold **12.30** Forever Young - How Rock 'n' Roll Grew Up **1.30** I'm Not In Love: The Story of 10cc **2.30** The Old Grey Whistle Test: 70s Gold **4.00** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Revenge **6.45** Charmed **8.30** Hollyoaks **9.00** Rules of Engagement **10.00** Melissa & Joey **11.00** Charmed **1.00** How I Met Your Mother **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **3.00** Melissa & Joey **4.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** A to Z **8.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Unstoppable (2010) (12) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory **12.00** Bodyshockers: Nips, Tucks and Tattoos **1.00** Drifters **2.05** Rules of Engagement **2.55** Bodyshockers: Nips, Tucks and Tattoos **3.45** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **4.30** Revenge

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

6.55 Grand Designs **10.00** Building the Dream **11.05** Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites **11.25** FILM: SOS Titanic (1979) (PG) **12.25** Time Team **3.35** Naz! Megastuctures **4.40** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **5.45** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **6.50** Multi-Million Pound Properties **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** 24 Hours in A&E **10.00** The Returned **11.35** Father Ted **1.10**

Grand Designs

2.10 Salvage SOS **3.40** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Run Wild, Run Free (1969) (U) **1.05** Caprice (1967) (U) **3.05** 23 Paces to Baker Street (1956) (PG) **5.10** Planet of the Apes (1968) (PG) **7.25** The Animal (2001) (12) **9.00** Colombiana (2011) (15) **11.10** Predators (2010) (15) **1.20** The Girl Who Played with Fire (2009) (15) **4.00** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.00** Motorway Cops: A Traffic Cops Special **7.45** Storage Hunters **8.10** Ice Road Truckers **9.00** American Pickers **10.00** Top Gear **1.00** Storage Hunters **2.00** Ice Road Truckers **3.00** American Pickers **4.00** The Money Pit **5.00** Top Gear **6.00** Ice Road Truckers **7.00** American Pickers **8.00** Top Gear **9.20** Dynamo: Magician Impossible **10.20** Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You **12.20** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **1.20** Only Connect **2.00** Storage Hunters UK **3.00** Lizard Lick Towing **3.25** Only Connect **4.00** Home Shopping

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7.00 Monkey Life **8.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue **9.00** All Aboard: East Coast Trains **10.00** Hawaii Five-0 **12.00** Road Wars **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** All Aboard: East Coast Trains **4.00** Futurama **5.00** Modern Family **5.30** Futurama **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Gordonstoun: A Different Class **9.00** A League of Their Own **10.00** Bring the Noise **11.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **12.00** Hawaii Five-0 **2.00** Road Wars **3.00** Brit Cops: Rapid Response **4.00** Nothing to Declare **4.30** UK Border Force **5.30** Nothing to Declare

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6.00 Seinfeld **8.00** Stargate: Atlantis **9.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **10.00** The West Wing **11.00** Cold Case **12.00** Without a Trace **1.00** Blue Bloods **2.00** Stargate Atlantis **3.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **4.00** The Petrol Age **5.00** The West Wing **6.00** Cold Case **8.00** Blue Bloods **10.00** The Last Panthers **11.00** The Wire **1.30** Curb Your Enthusiasm **3.15** Vegas **4.10** Star Trek: Enterprise **5.05** The Petrol Age

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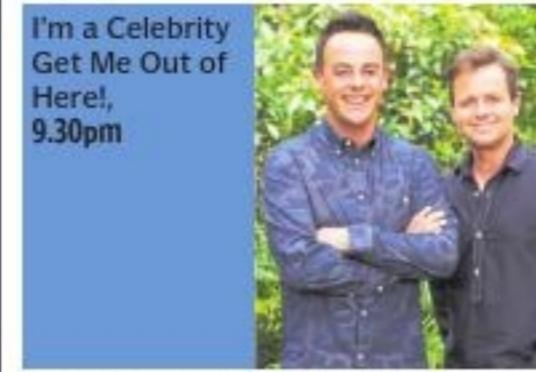
Casualty,
9.05pm

BBC2



Live Snooker:
UK Champion-
ship,
7pm

ITV



I'm a Celebrity
Get Me Out of
Here!,
9.30pm

Channel 4



TFI Friday,
11.10pm

Channel 5



Football
League
Tonight,
9pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live With guest Will Young. (S) **11.30 Simply Nigella (S)(R)** **12.00 BBC News; Weather (S) 12.10 Football Focus (S) 1.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship** Coverage of the first semi-final from the Barbican Centre in York. (S) **4.30 Final Score** A round-up of this afternoon's football results. (S) **5.20 Celebrity Mastermind** With Andy Day, Ann Cleeves, Tom Rosenthal and Robert Peston. (S)(R) **5.50 BBC News (S) 6.00 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 6.10 Pointless Celebrities** A business-themed edition of the quiz. (S)

7.00 Strictly Come Dancing The six remaining couples take part in routines celebrating popular musical numbers from the stage and screen, with the two least successful pairs facing a dance-off tomorrow. (S)

8.00 Doctor Who In the series finale, the Doctor faces a bittersweet homecoming as he engages his own people in a struggle that will take him to the very end of time itself. Last in the series. (S)

9.05 Casualty Harsh conditions cause unions and divisions in Holby's A&E department. (S) **9.55 The National Lottery Live** The all-important numbers. (S)

10.05 BBC News; Weather (S) 10.25 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Manchester United v West Ham United; (S) **National Lottery Update (S)**

11.55 The Apprentice The eight remaining candidates are given the task of acting as estate agents. (S)(R)

12.55 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 1.00 BBC News (S)

6.10 Race to Super Bowl 50 (S)(R) 7.00 FILM The Amazing Mr Blunden (1972) (U) (S) 8.35 FILM Beverly Hills Chihuahua (2008) (U) (S) 10.00 Ronnie's Animal Crackers (S)(R) 11.00 The Wonder of Animals (S) 11.30 Animal Park (S)(R) 12.00 My Life on a Plate (S)(R) 12.45 Len and Ainsley's Big Food Adventure (S)(R) 2.15 FILM Saboteur (1942) (PG) Alfred Hitchcock's thriller, starring Robert Cummings. (S) **4.00 Flog It! Trade Secrets (S) 4.30 Live Snooker: UK Championship (S) 5.30 The Great Pottery Throw Down (S)(R) 6.30 Dad's Army (S)(R)**

7.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship Coverage of the second semi-final from the Barbican Centre in York, as the tournament widely regarded as the second-most prestigious on the calendar continues. (S)

6.00 CITV 9.25 ITV News (S) 9.30 Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) 10.25 Countrywise (S)(R) 10.55 The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R) 12.00 ITV News; Weather (S) 12.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R) 1.10 Judge Rinder (S)(R) 2.15 Doc Martin The irascible medic and Louisa embark on a date. (S)(R) **3.20 FILM E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial (1982) (U) Sci-fi fantasy, with Henry Thomas. (S) **5.30 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 5.45 Catchphrase** **Celebrity Couples Special** Celebrity pairs "say what they see" in a special edition of the game show. (S) **6.45 ITV News (S)****

7.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special Bradley Walsh invites Kaye Adams, Mark Bright, Jayne Torvill and Richard Arnold to take on ruthless quiz genius the Chaser in an attempt to win thousands of pounds for charity. (S)

8.00 The X Factor The contestants face the sixth set of live performances, and with the final looming on the horizon next weekend, the remaining acts must be at the top of their game. (S)

9.30 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! Ant and Dec present the celebrity challenge and reveal which celebrity has fallen at the last hurdle, before they crown the King or Queen of the Jungle on tomorrow night's show. (S)

10.35 The Jonathan Ross Show American actor Burt Reynolds, and Star Trek and Mission: Impossible star Simon Pegg join Jonathan in the studio. Includes music by guests Coldplay. (S)

11.40 ITV News; Weather (S) 11.55 The Chase Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (S)(R)

12.45 Jackpot247 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA (S)(R) 3.40 ITV Nightscreen

6.10 The King of Queens (S)(R) 7.25 The Grid A review of the year. (S) **7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) 9.00 The Morning Line** Racing preview from Sandown. (S) **10.00 Frasier** The Crane brothers clash. (S) (R) **11.00 The Big Bang Theory** Howard questions his engineering abilities. (S) **12.25 The Simpsons (S)(R) 1.25 Channel 4 Racing** Nick Luck presents live coverage of seven races. From Sandown Park, races start at 1.55, 2.25, 3.00 and 3.35. From Aintree at 1.40, 2.15 and 3.20. (S) **4.00 Come Dine with Me (S)(R) 6.30 Channel 4 News (S)**

7.00 The Great Polar Bear Feast Documentary highlighting the highly unusual annual gathering of polar bears – normally intensely solitary creatures – on the frozen shores of Barter Island off the Alaskan coast. (S)

8.00 The World's Weirdest Weather Featuring icy waves in the Arctic, earthquakes in England, floods, exploding rocks and lights in the sky that coincide with seismic activity. (S)

9.00 FILM Non-Stop (2014) (12) Premiere. An air marshal on a transatlantic flight searches for a terrorist threatening to kill the passengers one by one. Action thriller, with Liam Neeson and Julianne Moore. (S)

10.30 Live International Boxing Lenny Daws v Ruben Nieto. Mark Pougatch presents coverage of the bout for the European Super Lightweight title. (S)

11.10 TFI Friday Guests include Kylie Minogue and Daniel Radcliffe, while music is provided courtesy of Florence and the Machine, Mumford & Sons, and Nathaniel Rateliff & the Night Sweats. (R)

12.10 FILM The Descendants (2011) (15) Drama, starring George Clooney. (S) **2.10 Fargo (S)(R) 3.15 Hollyoaks (S) (R) 5.20 River Cottage Bites (S)(R) 5.35 Kirstie's Vintage Gems (S)(R) 5.40 1001 Things You Should Know (S)(R)**

12.00 FILM Reservoir Dogs (1992) (18) (S) 1.45 SuperCasino 3.10 Dino Autopsy: T-Rex (S)(R) 4.50 Make It Big (S)(R) 5.15 Make It Big (S)(R) 5.45 Angels of Jarm (S)(R) 5.50 Angels of Jarm (S)(R)

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6.00 Are You Smarter Than a 10 Year Old? 7.00 Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew 8.00 Game Changers 8.30 Football Freestyler 9.00 The Fantasy Football Club

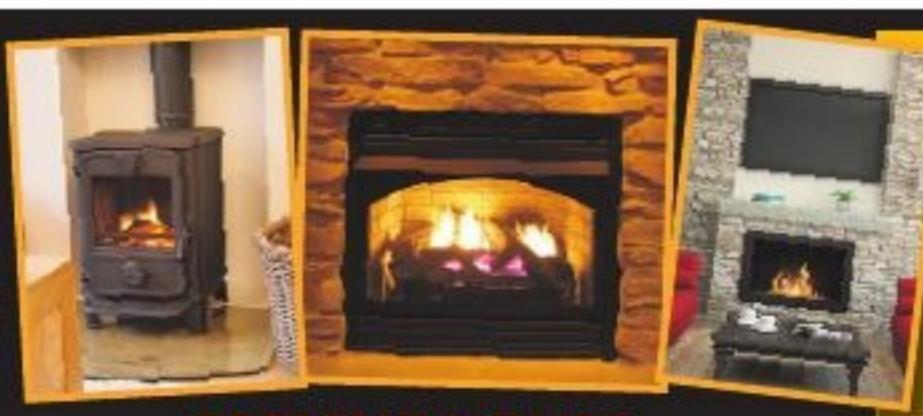
10.00 Soccer AM 12.00 The F1 Show 1.00 Football's Funniest Moments 1.30 Futurama 5.00 Supergirl 6.00 The Simpsons 7.00 Gordonstounz: A Different Class

8.00 Landscape Artist of the Year 9.00 NCIS: Los Angeles 10.00 You, Me and the Apocalypse 11.00 The Force: Manchester 12.00 Britcam: Emergency on Our Streets 2.00 Brit Cops: Rapid Response 3.00 Stargate Atlantis

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6.00 Friday Night Lights 7.00 Seinfeld 9.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 2.00 David Attenborough's Galapagos 3.00 Blue Bloods 7.00 Without a Trace 9.00 Game of Thrones 10.10 Ten Billion 11.45 How to Change The World 1.45 Black Mass: Benedict Cumberbatch & Johnny Depp On Black Mass 2.00 Curb Your Enthusiasm 4.00 Seinfeld

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Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights, 6pm



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The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor, 4.30pm



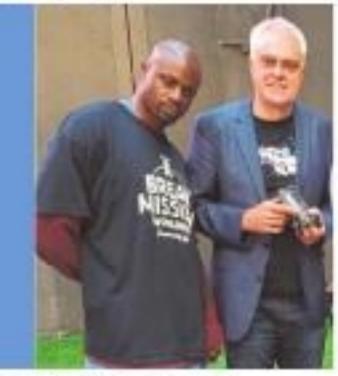
Channel 4

Gogglebox, 10.05pm



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The Gadget Show, 11.40am



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6.00 Breakfast (S) 7.25 Match of the Day (S)(R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show (S) 10.00 Fern Britton Meets Linford Christie (S) 11.00 Sunday Politics (S) 12.15 Bargain Hunt (S)(R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather (S) 1.15 Escape to the Country (S) 1.45 FA Cup Final Score (S) 4.15 Songs of Praise A special episode for St Nicholas' Day. (S) 4.50 The Hunt Predators living in deserts and grasslands. (S)(R) 5.50 BBC News (S) 6.10 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 6.20 Countryfile Exploring some of Scotland's most remote scenic areas. (S)

7.20 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results The results of last night's musicals themed episode. (S)

8.00 Antiques Roadshow Fiona Bruce presents the show from the Queen's private residence at Balmoral, where items brought in to be valued include a ceramic pot made by Pablo Picasso. (S)

9.00 The Hunt How predators hunt in coastal waters, where everything is in constant motion and opportunities have to be taken quickly. Featuring dolphins, octopuses and fishing wolves. (S)

10.00 BBC News (S)
10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)
10.30 Match of the Day 2 Highlights of Newcastle United v Liverpool. (S)

11.20 Citizen Khan Amjad's mother threatens to take her son and Shazia back to Bradford. (S)(R)
11.50 The Graham Norton Show With Chris Hemsworth. (S)(R)

12.35 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 12.40 BBC News (S)

6.15 The A to Z of TV Gardening (S) (R) 7.00 Big Dreams Small Spaces A widow wants to create a cottage-style garden in Swindon. (S)(R) 8.00 **Countryfile (S)(R) 9.00 An Island Parish: Falklands (S)(R) 9.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** Highlights of the series. (S) 11.00 Len and Ainsley's Big Food Adventure (S)(R) 11.45 Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip (S)(R) 12.15 MOTD2 Extra (S) 1.00 **Live Snooker: UK Championship** Coverage of the opening session of the final from York. (S) **6.00 Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights** Action from the weekend's second-round matches. (S)

7.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship Coverage of the concluding session of the final from the Barbican Centre in York. Subsequent programmes are subject to change. (S)

6.00 CITV 9.25 ITV News (S) 9.30 Murder, She Wrote Jessica fights to clear Grady of a woman's murder. (S)(R) 10.25 **The Jeremy Kyle Show (S) (R) 12.35 ITV News; Weather (S) 12.45 The Jeremy Kyle Show** Guests air their differences. (S)(R) 1.50 **The Chase** Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (S)(R) 2.55 **The X Factor** The would-be stars face their sixth live show. (S)(R) 4.30 **FILM The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) (12)** Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Brendan Fraser. (S) 6.30 **ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 6.45 ITV News (S)**

7.00 Jekyll and Hyde Part one of two. Robert struggles to control his transformations, and joins forces with a vigilante to investigate a series of strange killings in exchange for Ravi's freedom. (S)

8.00 The X Factor Caroline Flack and Olly Murs present the results of the weekend's viewers' vote, deciding which acts will be eliminated and who will be performing in next week's final. (S)

9.00 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! (S)(R) Ant and Dec present the final of the celebrity challenge, as the last remaining famous faces compete to be crowned this year's king or queen of the jungle. Last in the series. (S)

10.35 ITV News; Weather (S) 10.50 Premiership Rugby Union Action from the latest round of fixtures in England's top flight, including Worcester Warriors v Leicester Tigers. (S)

11.00 FILM Brooklyn's Finest (2009) (18) Crime thriller, starring Richard Gere, Don Cheadle and Ethan Hawke. (S)

1.05 Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) 2.00 Holby City (S)(R) 3.00 This Is BBC Two (S)

11.50 Off Their Rockers Barry receives a few hygiene tips. (S)(R)

12.15 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

6.10 The King of Queens (S)(R) 6.35 Challenge Mallorca Action from the long-distance triathlon. (S) **7.05 World Superbike Review of the Year (S) 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond (S) (R) 8.30 Frasier (S)(R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch** With Wretch 32 and Carlos Acosta. (S) **12.45 The Big Bang Theory (S)(R) 2.35 The Simpsons (S) (R) 3.35 FILM Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008) (PG)** Fantasy adventure, starring Brendan Fraser. (S) **5.25 FILM The Jungle Book (1967) (U)** Premiere. Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Phil Harris. (S)

7.00 Channel 4 News (S) 7.30 World's Weirdest Homes Charlie Luxton presents a guide to 20 of the most unusual residences ever built. (S)

8.10 FILM Bulletproof Monk (2003) (12) A mysterious Tibetan monk battles modern-day Nazis while training a thief to be his successor. Martial arts thriller, starring Chow Yun-Fat. Edited for violence. (S)

9.55 5 News Weekend (S)

10.00 FILM Django Unchained (2012) (18) Premiere. An escaped slave becomes a bounty hunter and fights to rescue his wife from a sadistic plantation owner. Quentin Tarantino's Western, with Jamie Foxx. (S)

1.15 SuperCasino 3.10 Ultimate Police Interceptors (S)(R) 4.00 House Doctor (S)(R) 4.25 Make It Big (S)(R) 4.50 Make It Big (S)(R) 5.15 Make It Big (S)(R) 5.45 Angels of Jarm (S)(R) 5.50 Angels of Jarm (S)(R)

ITV2 SKY: 11.8 FV: 6
6.00 Emmerdale 8.35 Coronation Street 11.00 The X Factor 12.35 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! 1.35 You've Been Framed Christmas! 2.35 Elf: Buddy's Musical Christmas 3.35 FILM: The Polar Express (2004) (U) Animated adventure, with the voice of Tom Hanks. 5.35 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! 6.40 FILM: Back to the Future Part III (1990) (PG) Sci-fi comedy sequel, starring Michael J Fox. 9.00 The Xtra Factor 10.00 You've Been Framed At Christmas! 10.35 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! 11.35 Plebs 12.35 FILM: The Faculty (1998) (15) 2.30 Teleshopping

ITV3 SKY: 11.9 FV: 10
6.00 Movies Now 6.10 On the Buses 7.05 A Christmas Carol 8.35 Heartbeat 10.45 A Touch of Frost 12.50 FILM: Columbo: Now You See Him (1976) (PG) 2.50 Rosemary & Thyme 3.50 Wycliffe 4.45 Agatha Christie's Marple 7.00 Sunday Night at the Palladium 8.00 Lewis 10.00 FILM: The Constant Gardener (2005)

(15) Political thriller, with Ralph Fiennes and Rachel Weisz. **12.30 FILM: Till Death Us Do Part (1969) (12) 2.25 Wycliffe 3.20 ITV3 Nightscreen 3.40 Emmerdale**

BBC3 SKY: 11.5 FV: 7
7.00 Don't Tell the Bride 8.00 Top Gear 9.00 Russell Howard's Good News 9.30 FILM: 8 Mile (2002) (15) Drama, starring Eminem. 11.15 Family Guy 12.00 American Dad! 12.25 Family Guy 12.45 Josh 1.15 People Just Do Nothing 3.15 Josh 3.45 Sunny D 4.00 Close

BBC4 SKY: 11.6 FV: 9
7.00 Concerto at the BBC Proms 7.25 FILM: Pina: Legend of Dance (2011) (U) Premiere. Wim Wenders' profile of choreographer Pina Bausch.

9.00 The Golden Age of Steam Railways 10.00 FILM: Easy Money (2010) (15) Premiere. Crime thriller, starring Joel Kinnaman. 12.00 Britain's Natural World: The Unnatural History of London 1.00 Britain's Deadliest Rail Disaster: Quintinshill 2.00 Horizon: Are We Alone in the Universe? 2.50 Natural World: Polar

Bears and Grizzlies - Bears on Top of the World 3.40 Close

4.45 SKY: 13.6 FV: 28
6.00 Rules of Engagement 6.20 How I Met Your Mother 7.00 Baby Daddy 8.00 Melissa & Joey 9.00 Made in Chelsea 10.00 Hollyoaks 12.35 FILM: City of Ember (2008) (PG) 2.25 Couples Come Dine with Me 4.30 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 FILM: Rush Hour 3 (2007) (12) Action comedy sequel, starring Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker. 10.45 The Inbetweeners 11.50 The IT Crowd 12.55 FILM: The Sitter (2011) (15) 2.30 How I Met Your Mother 3.15 Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 13.8 FV: 14
8.55 Kirstie's Homemade Christmas 10.00 George Clarke's Amazing Christmas Spaces 12.05 Jimmy's Grow Your Own Christmas Dinner 1.10 Jamie's Super Food 2.50 Four in a Bed 5.25 Come Dine with Me 8.00 Car SOS 9.00 The World's Weirdest Weather 10.00 Is Our Weather Getting Worse? 11.05 24 Hours in A&E 12.10 Ramsay's Hotel Hell 1.05 Is Our Weather

Getting Worse? 2.10 Salvage SOS 3.05 Gadget Man 3.35 Close

FILM4 SKY: 31.5 FV: 15

11.00 Destry Rides Again (1939) (U) 1.00 Kiki's Delivery Service (1989) (PG) 3.10 Porridge (1979) (PG) Prison comedy, starring Ronnie Barker. 5.00 The Dark Crystal (1982) (PG) 6.50 The Three Musketeers (2011) (12) Swashbuckling adventure, starring Logan Lerman. 9.00 '71 (2014) (15) Thriller, starring Jack O'Connell.

10.55 An Officer and a Gentleman (1982) (15) Romantic drama, starring Richard Gere and Debra Winger. 1.25 Summer in February (2013) (15) 3.50 Close

DAVE SKY: 11.1 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping 7.10 Traffic Cops 8.00 Ice Road Truckers 1.00 Storage Hunters 2.00 Traffic Cops 3.00

Top Gear 4.00 Dynamo: Magician Impossible 5.00 The Indestructibles 6.00 Red Bull X-Fighters 7.00 FILM: Wayne's World (1992) (PG) Comedy, starring Mike Myers and Dana Carvey. 9.00 Blackadder's Most

Cunning Moments 11.00 Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish 12.00 QI XL 1.00 Would I Lie to You? 1.40 Not Going Out 2.20 Only Connect 3.25 Lizard Lick Towing 4.00 Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 10.6

6.00 Hour of Power 7.00 Monkey Life 9.00 Supergirl 10.00 All Aboard: East Coast Trains 11.00 WWE: Raw 12.00 Bring the Noise 1.00 Futurama 2.30 Modern Family 5.00 The Simpsons 5.30 The Muppets 6.00 Modern Family 6.30 The Simpsons 8.00 Duck Quacks Don't Echo 9.00 Micky Flanagan's Detour de France 10.00 Stop, Search, Seize 11.00 Ross Kemp: A Kenya Special 12.30 Road Wars 1.00 Live NFL 4.30 Road Wars 5.00 Stargate Atlantis

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 10.8

6.00 Friday Night Lights 8.00 Seinfeld 9.00 The Petrol Age 10.00 The West Wing 3.00 Without a Trace 5.00 Blue Bloods 9.00 The Affair 10.10 The Last Panthers

11.10 Bridge of Spies: Sky Movies Special 11.40 Hunderby 3.15 The Leftovers 4.20 Seinfeld

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What's on | NEWS

Millers' music

THE Miller Family will be performing at the Fox & Hounds pub in Fleet tomorrow evening, Friday, December 4.

The Farnborough-based group arrive at the Crookham Road pub to perform popular funk, soul and rock hits from artists such as Stevie Wonder and Van Morrison.

This is a free event that starts at 9pm.

Shakin' A Round

FOUR-PIECE band Shakin' A Round will be performing at The Royal Oak pub in Basingstoke on Friday, December 11.

The Camberley-based group will sing original tracks at the Worthing Road venue whilst performing hits from the likes of Elvis, Jerry Lee Lewis and Chuck Berry.

It starts at 9pm, and is free.

Running for Cover

FLEET-based cover band Run for Cover will be performing The Riverdene pub in Basingstoke tomorrow evening, Friday, December 4.

The five-piece band arrive at the Windrush Close venue to perform songs from the likes of Queen and Nina Simone.

The free gig starts at 9pm.

Billy's valuable lesson in the Snow Dragon

BILLY the Goat is used to getting everything he wants from his parents, so when he doesn't he steals from his friends.

So on New Year's Eve when Billy is looking forward to the annual visit of the legendary Snow Dragon that will bring him even more goodies during the night, he bumps into some hungry wolves in the forest.

And the rest of the story unfolds when 'The Snow Dragon' visits The Haymarket in Basingstoke from Wednesday, December 4 to Saturday, December 12.

"There is so much in here for adults," actor Alistair Chisholm, who plays Spike the Hedgehog in the production, told the Observer.

"A good story is a good story whatever the age and it is a lovely experience to share with your young ones, which can give you plenty to talk about.

"The Snow Dragon" has performed in Basingstoke before but this is my first time and I'm really looking forward to it.

It stars Louise Mai Newberry as Rosie the Piglet, William Croft as Billy

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the Goat and Alistair who plays Spike, Billy's dad and a wolf.

The three performers are aiming to make each show at the Wote Street venue a memorable experience for children.

The use of comedy, story-telling, catchy songs, special lighting and an imaginative set will be used during the eight-day run.

And the thought of entertaining an audience brings satisfaction to Alistair.

"I love performing for young people and families and it is lovely to part of a family's build-up to Christmas," he said.

Youngsters can experience stories in a safe environment with their adult, and in a world of many distractions.

"It is great to be able to sit and give all your concentration over to one thing."

"Also, live theatre is very inclusive. It is a performance that is for this audience only and in live theatre we can talk directly to the audience and they sometimes talk back to us – that is



• (from left) Louise Mai Newberry, William Croft and Alistair Chisholm

really exciting."

Tickets cost from £8 to £12, with the show being suitable for anyone over the age of three.

There will also be a relaxed version

of the production on Thursday, December 10, which is for children who are on the autistic spectrum or who suffer from other disabilities.

The relaxed show starts at 1pm.

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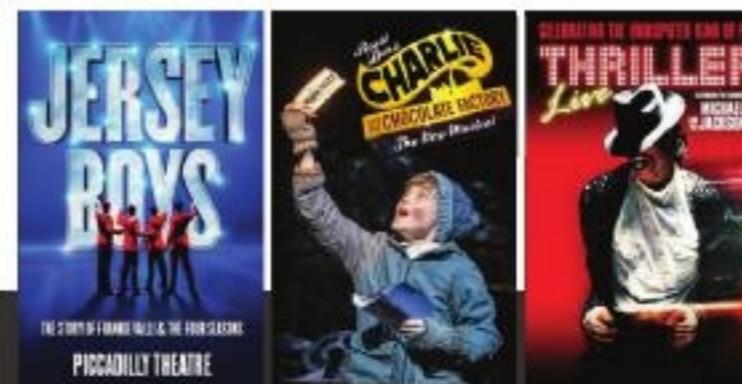
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What's on | NEWS

Get ready for panto season!

IT'S that time of year when the beautiful dames, evil villains and dashing heroes return to the stage, as panto season is well and truly back.

And this year's festive show taking place at The Anvil is an adaptation of 'Jack and the Beanstalk', which runs from Thursday, December 10 to Sunday, January 3.

"I'm playing Jack so I'm very excited, and since it is my first ever pantomime I'm a little bit nervous," children's presenter and former Pop Idol runner-up Mark Rhodes told the Observer.

"It is the first time that I have done any theatre because I mainly do TV work, so it's a completely different art form."

"The first day of rehearsal felt like the first day of school but everyone has made feel really welcome and I'm looking forward to getting the first few shows done, so you can chill out and relax a bit more."

Mark became a regular face on our TV screens back in 2003 when the then 22-year-old auditioned for Pop Idol, in which he finished second on the talent show to Scotswoman Michelle McManus.

Despite not winning the competition, Mark soon became part of a double act as he joined forces with fellow Pop Idol

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finalist Sam Nixon.

The duo would go on to become two of the most popular TV presenters in Britain.

And in 2004, Sam and Mark achieved a UK number one with their version of the well-known Beatles hit 'With a Little Help from My Friends'.

Away from music, the two have also won a number of prestigious accolades, which includes picking up two BAFTA awards for best children's TV presenters.

"I have always wanted to do theatre in one aspect or another and panto is a fun way of getting into that," he said.

"Our pantomime is aimed at a family audience which is the most important thing because the parents have to enjoy as well as the kids."

"There are many gags in there for the children, there will be gags that will go straight over their heads along with physical comedy with a lot of fun for everyone to enjoy."

Tickets cost from £19.50 to £24.50 at the Churchill Way venue.

And on Wednesday, December 23, there will be a relaxed performance of the pantomime which is for children who are on the autistic spectrum or who have other disabilities.



Little Red's story

THE Proteus Theatre Company will be performing a fresh new production at The Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre in Bordon on Friday, December 11.

'Little Red & The Wolves' will see how Scarlet leaves her small village for the big city, only to come across something that is very dangerous.

Tickets cost from £7 to £10.

Remix perform

FIVE-PIECE band Remix will be performing at the Laarsens pub in Basingstoke on Friday, December 11.

The cover group are returning to the Wote Street pub after a long absence, and will play interpretations of well-known hits by the likes of Tina Turner, Fleetwood Mac, Taylor Swift and many more.

It starts at 9pm and is free.

Dire Streets

ONE of the UK's leading Dire Straits tribute bands will be performing at Central Studio in Basingstoke on Saturday, December 5.

Dire Streets arrive at the Cliddesden Road to perform some of the bands most recognisable hits such as, 'Romeo Juliet', 'Sultans of Swing', and 'Down to the Waterline'.

It starts at 8pm.

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Wed, Dec 2 – Sat, Dec 12
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THE SNOW DRAGON

Billy is a spoilt young goat whose parents give him everything he wants. And what he doesn't get from them, he steals from his friends. On New Year's Eve, Billy is looking forward to the annual visit of the legendary Snow Dragon, who will bring him even more goodies during the night... This is story-telling with comedy and songs that create a magical, mysterious world for everyone aged three and above to enjoy.

Fri, Dec 4, 8pm
Arlington Arts Centre, Newbury

PETER KNIGHT'S GIGSPAN- NER

Sat, Dec 5, 8pm
Central Studio, Basingstoke

DIRE STRETS BAND

Dire Straits perfectly capture the distinctive, authentic sound of one of the biggest guitar bands of all time. The six-piece band of accomplished musicians play with an attention to detail and musicianship that marks them as the stand-out Dire Straits tribute in the UK.

Sat, Dec 5, 8pm
Arlington Arts Centre, Newbury

WHOLE LOTTA LED

The leading UK tribute to Led Zeppelin. Featuring songs from the critically acclaimed album "Physical Graffiti" (which is now celebrating its 40th anniversary) plus all the vital classics. For Whole Lotta Led it's all about celebrating

ing the incredible music which Jimmy Page, Robert Plant, John Paul Jones and John Bonham created during their illustrious career. Whole Lotta Led have performed 'Stairway To Heaven' more than any other band in the world – INCLUDING Led Zeppelin. Navigating through pile-drivers, powerhouses and delicately nuanced dynamics, with the odd personal twist that always shows a passion for the music that can only grow from 19+ years of touring.

Sun, Dec 6, 2pm
New Greenham Arts, Newbury

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

Join artist Clara Flintoff as a family and spend an enjoyable afternoon making your own Christmas Wreath from recycled materials. You'll be shown several different ways to make a non-traditional wreath – choose your favourite method and get stuck in!

Thu, Dec 10, 7.15pm
Corn Exchange, Newbury

ROH: THE ROYAL OPERA LIVE: CAVALIERIA RUSTI- CANA/PAGALIACCI

These two short Italian operas are each regarded as the composers' masterpiece, and are brought together in a new staging by award-winning director Damiano Michieletto.

Thu, Dec 10 – Sun, Jan 3
The Anvil, Basingstoke

JACK AND THE BEAN- STALK PANTOMIME

When Dame Trott sends her son Jack to market, little do they know that swapping Daisy the cow for a handful of beans will result in an overgrown beanstalk, a hungry giant, wicked henchman and fabulous golden treasure.

Fri, 11, Dec, 8pm,
The Corn Exchange, Newbury.

SO COMEDY LIVE

A guaranteed giggle with a selection of great comedians. Catch the winner of this year's You Must Be Joking and two more 'ones to watch'...

Fri, Dec 11, 7.30pm
The Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre, Bordon

LITTLE RED AND THE THREE WOLVES

Scarlett leaves her tiny village behind and heads for the bright lights of the big city, but something follows her, something big and hungry. Could there be wolves in the city? She sees them everywhere but no-one else seems to notice; perhaps because they wear three-piece suits and smoke cigars. Oh no, these are not the wolves you find in the forest, these are very, very different and very, very dangerous...

Sat, Dec 12, 8pm
Central Studio, Basingstoke

BOOK OF GENESIS BAND

The Book of Genesis faithfully recreates the musical brilliance of England's finest rock band covering the Gabriel years and some of the best songs from the Collins period too. The band covers a wide repertoire from the first

album onwards but focused on the progressive rock era up until Steve Hackett left the band.

Sat, Dec 12, 9pm
Old London Apprentice, Newbury

FUBAR

Fubar are a rock/pop covers band from Berkshire and play a wide range of songs from the 60's to modern day.

Saturday, December 12, 8pm
Corn Exchange, Newbury

GERARD AND THE WATCHMAN

Music to warm your heart on a winter's evening from one of the most widely praised acts on the UK's alternative folk scene.

Expect stunningly beautiful and haunting songs from this four piece as they flit from guitar to banjo, double bass to drums and mandolin to percussion. Dave Gerard's glorious voice is the ideal vehicle for his poetic, beguiling lyrics.

Sun, Dec 13 4pm
Northbrook Street, Newbury

FESTIVAL OF LIGHT: LANTERN PROCESSION

Fact becoming a tradition within Newbury, the 6th Festival of Light: Lantern Procession gathers the community together to share in this stunning winter outdoor event. Join us from 4pm as the Lantern bearers meet and start to light their lamps, with the procession starting from 4.30pm on Northbrook Street, and parading to Market Place in centre of Newbury Town Centre. Why not come along to one of our Free Lantern making Workshops,

or just come along on the day and enjoy the spectacle and atmosphere, as hundreds of lights process through the streets of Newbury.

Sun, Dec 13, 3pm
Corn Exchange, Newbury

BOLSHOI LIVE: THE NUT- CRACKER

This beloved holiday classic will enchant the whole family with its fairy-tale setting and Tchaikovsky's timeless score. The Bolshoi's version of The Nutcracker has a unique and beautiful sense of romance, danced by the heroic Denic Rockin as the courageous prince and the magical Anna Nikulina as Marie.

Wed, Dec 16 – Sat, Dec 19
Corn Exchange, Newbury

PRINCESS AND THE PEA

Once upon a stormy night, while the wind and the rain were howling outside, the Royals were all tucked up warm in bed. Suddenly there came a knock at the door and a very wet, very untidy girl was brought inside...

Become part of this playful and comic story of a prince in search of a 'real' princess, a clever queen, a girl who is not as she first appears, a tower of mattresses and of course a tiny pea. This quirky and inventive adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's bedtime tale is played out among sheets and blankets with puppets, objects and dreamlike projections.

Wed, Dec 16, 2pm
The Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre, Bordon

THE THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF

An interactive family treat with a delightful festive twist.

The classic fairytale of Three Billy Goats Gruff is magically brought to life through Swedish carols, live music and beautifully crafted puppets.

What happens on Christmas Eve when the Troll is fishing for his dinner...? Join Garlic Theatre by this little stream in Sweden to find out! This is an ideal first theatrical experience for the very young.

Wed, Dec 17.15pm
Corn Exchange, Newbury

THE ROYAL BALLET LIVE

Loosely based on a story by E.T.A. Hoffmann, it opens with the Christmas festivities of little Clara and her family and progresses through a sequence of dreams and enchantments that take Clara on her magical journey to the Land of Snow and the Kingdom of the Sweets.

Thu, Dec 17, 7.30pm
The Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre, Bordon

A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

A Victorian Christmas is a fun and festive celebration of the Yuletide our ancestors would have known. Following highly successful tours every winter since 2011, acclaimed historical entertainment company Blast From The Past invite you to join them once again in 2015 for an evening of music, song, stories and drama from the time of Dickens and Hardy.

Thu, Dec 17, 8pm
The Arlington Arts Centre, Newbury

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THE new Vauxhall Astra made a bold statement by winning the Scottish Car of the Year Award on Friday.

It triumphed in three different categories: Family Car of the Year, Eco Car of the Year and overall Car of the Year.

The award was presented by the Association of Scottish Motoring Writers at the Marriott Dalmahoy Hotel in Edinburgh.

President of the Association of Scottish Motoring Writers, Alasdair Suttie, said: "2015 has been an amazing year for new cars which made the judges' decisions harder than ever, so credit to Vauxhall that it's new Astra won out."

"The Astra sets new standards with the way it drives, its efficiency and the quality of its construction and materials and not only is it a pleasure to drive, it's also a resounding endorsement of British workmanship."

The award ceremony was also a memorable night for Mazda.

The Japanese manufacturer also won a hat-trick of awards with the Mazda2 Supermini, MX-5 Drop Top and the CX-3 Crossover all winning their respective awards.

By James Richings

And Land Rover's new Ingenium engine helped the Land Rover Discovery Sport win the Diesel title.

It was also a good day for Jaguar - Land Rover's sister company - as the new XE saloon fought off fierce competition to win the Executive Car category.

Last year's overall winner Hyundai was back on stage in the Design and Innovation Award for its ix35 Hydrogen fuel cell car, while Volvo showed its prowess in the SUV category won by its XC90.

At the other end of the size scale, Audi TT's sleek design helped the car reach the top spot in the Coupé category.

While Honda Civic Type R impressed judges to win the Hot Hatch section of the awards.

The President's Award celebrating exceptional contributions in the car world went to Gordon and Jillian Shedden.

The couple, including 2015 British Touring Car Champion Gordon, have been recognised following their support to promote motorsport in Scotland.



* Association of Scottish Motoring Writers president Alasdair Suttie (right) presents the 2015 Scottish Car of the Year award to Vauxhall's retail sales director Leon Caruso



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Dragons defeated by Havant in late cup loss

BASINGSTOKE Town lost their sixth game on the bounce on Saturday in new manager Michael Gilkes' first match in charge.

The Dragons conceded 10 minutes from time to lose 2-1 at Havant and Waterlooville to exit the FA Trophy at the third qualifying round stage.

Striker Liam Enver-Marum had earlier cancelled out a fourth-minute James Hayter header from the penalty spot to finally end his side's 400-minute wait for a goal.

But the ending of that particular drought was one of few positives on another frustrating day for Basingstoke that saw them once again do more than enough to at least force a replay.

Gilkes handed a first Town start to Reading loanee Dom Hyam following the centre back's move to the club last Thursday until the New Year, while Callum Buckley also appeared in the line up for the first time.

And it was Town who had the first chance of the match after just 30 seconds as striker Chris Flood forced a strong save from Hawks keeper Ryan Young.

But it was the hosts who would strike first soon after as Ben Swallow drove down the right hand wing before lifting in a

dangerous cross for former AFC Bournemouth striker Hayter to head home.

Flood brought another save out of Young with a low shot just a minute later, before Matt Paterson then saw his shot from the edge of the box expertly tipped around the post by Town stopper Aaron Howe in a fast and frenetic start.

Enver-Marum was the next player to come close as his 30 yard drive just cleared the crossbar, while Hyam then prodded the ball inches wide from six yards when he should have done better.

But Basingstoke claimed a deserved equaliser from the penalty spot in the 27th minute, with Enver-Marum sending Young the wrong way with his powerful effort.

The big striker then forced a top save from the Havant keeper after the break with a stinging drive, before Scott Donnelly was denied from range by Howe in the 54th minute as both sides chased a second.

Forward Lloyd Macklin fired a rare second half chance straight



• There was more disappointment for Basingstoke Town's players on Saturday following yet another defeat

at the keeper when well placed 17 minutes from time, and he was made to pay for that miss soon after as Ben Swallow curled a beauty into the far corner from

the edge of the box to settle the tie.

Basingstoke were due to face Dartford at home in the National League South on Tuesday, but

this match has now been postponed until next Saturday,

meaning they will next be in action this Saturday away at Bishops Stortford in the league.

Gilkes calls for more focus

MICHAEL Gilkes has told his Basingstoke Town squad to up their game following Saturday's 2-1 loss to Havant and Waterlooville.

The new Dragons boss felt his side did more than enough to at least force a replay in the FA Trophy third qualifying round tie.

But after being unable to stop the club from picking up its sixth loss on the trot in a run that has seen Basingstoke drop to the bottom of the National League South, Gilkes has admitted that his side haven't been good enough this term.

He said: "I'm disappointed not to get the result because we had numerous chances to get ahead

and take control of the game.

"But we didn't have our shooting boots on, and it took a very good goal to beat us."

"We need more focus as a team because we're being punished."

"The reality for me is this season we haven't been good enough and our record shows this."

Town have only claimed five wins in all competitions this season, despite finishing in third place in the league with virtually the same set of players last campaign.

And while he pointed out that other teams' improvements had played a big part in the improved standard of the league, Gilkes admitted that his side had been

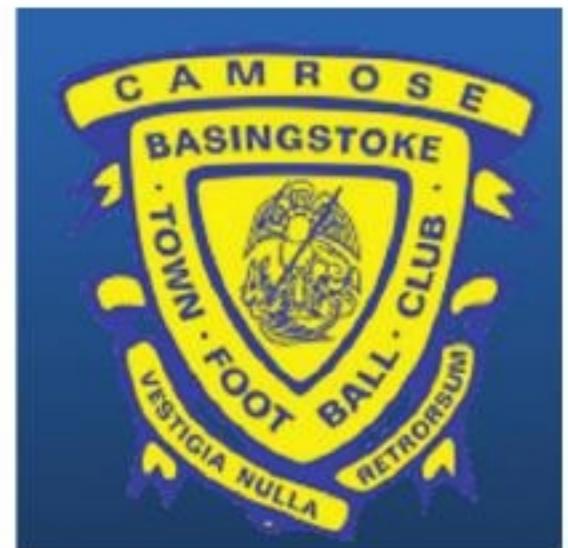
guilty of not building on last term's success.

He added: "The problem with having a good season is that all your opponents know what to expect of you and raise their game."

"As a team we haven't raised our standards in response and if we think we can just do the same things as last season, that's not enough."

"We have to start winning games and to win games you have to put it in the net and not concede – football hasn't changed that much over the years so it's as simple as that."

• New Basingstoke Town boss Michael Gilkes



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HOCKEY: Basingstoke Hockey Club firsts lost for only the second time all season in Saturday's top of the table clash away to Bournemouth firsts.

The hosts came out on top 4-1 in a dominant display, with Dean Record grabbing a late consolation goal in a poor performance by 'Stoke.

Defeat ensured that the visitors remained in second spot in the Hampshire/Surrey 1 table – six points behind unbeaten Bournemouth.

Basingstoke will look to return to winning ways this Saturday when they host Reigate Priory firsts, who sit five points behind them in fifth place.

Salmon departs

FOOTBALL: Basingstoke Town released versatile defender Will Salmon on Monday.

The 29-year-old joined the club from Met Police over the summer and went on to play in 10 games for the club, scoring once in the FA Cup third qualifying round..

A club statement said: "Manager Michael Gilkes wishes to place on record the club's thanks for his efforts this season and we wish him well for the future."

Baston signs

ICE HOCKEY: Basingstoke Bison have moved quickly to sign back up for injured goaltender Tomas Hladovsky.

The Slovak stopper picked up a lower body injury against the Hull Pirates over the weekend.

And the Herd have responded by bringing Finnish-born Jon Baston to the Basingstoke Arena, following his release by Hull earlier this season.

Bison director of hockey Doug Sheppard said: "Bringing Jon into the side was a no-brainer as we aim to maintain our title charge."

Title rival win

FOOTBALL: Basingstoke Town Ladies came out on top of their top of the table clash with Milton Keynes City on Sunday.

Megan James and Zoe Saunders both found the net in a 2-1 win at their rivals, with only goal difference now preventing Basingstoke from topping the Southern Region Women's Football League (SRWFL) Premier Division.

Town are next in action this Sunday when they travel to strugglers Bracknell Town Ladies in the league.

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PIRATES PLUNDERED BY BRILLIANT BISON

A MAN-of-the-match display by new signing Rene Jarolin helped Basingstoke Bison extend their winning run on home ice to 12 games.

The Slovak forward arrived at the Herd last Thursday and put in a performance to remember just two days later to fire his new side to a 7-2 win over the Hull Pirates in the English Premier League (EPL).

Despite the comprehensive victory, the Stampede were knocked off their perch at the top of the table following the weekend's results, due to rivals Peterborough Phantoms and Milton Keynes Lightning both playing twice.

But director of hockey Doug Sheppard will not have given the table too much thought after yet another fine showing at the Basingstoke Arena.

Bison flew out of the blocks straight from the first face-off and got themselves in front after just 12 seconds as Joe Greener found Ciaran Long to slot home.

And they doubled their advantage two minutes later with another simple goal, as Greener tipped the puck between the pipes from in front of the net.

Basingstoke netminder Tomas Hiadlovsy denied the Pirates with a fine save on 7:12 – but his heroics came at a price as he had to be helped off the ice injured.

By Christian Wilson

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And more bad luck saw the visitors pull one back on 11:42 after Dominic Osman's deflected shot flew past substitute goaltender Dan Weller-Evans.

Bison responded in the perfect manner however, and re-established a two goal cushion on 15:17 when Declan Balmer combined with Joe Baird to play in top scorer Tomas Karpov who fired home.

And Jarolin claimed his first goal of the night on 27:35 from close range after good work from Greener, before the Slovak claimed his second two minutes later after moving into the zone and letting a shot go.

Captain Aaron Connolly was next to get on the scoresheet midway through the final period after converting the powerplay with help from Jarolin and Stuart Mogg.

Pasi Salonen pulled one back for Hull on 48:40, before Ryan Watt grabbed a seventh for the Stampede with 23 seconds remaining to seal another win.

Basingstoke will return to action with matches against Telford Tigers and Manchester Phoenix this Saturday and Sunday respectively.



• New forward Rene Jarolin scored two and assisted three on his debut (picture by grantkingphotography.com)

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